CENTENARIANS.

Three of Them Die in St. Louis in One Week.

An Interesting Sketch of the Oldest Known Settlers in Mis-Bouri.

St. Louis has had a ridding out of its centenarians in the past week which has been something remarkable and unprecedented in history, no less than three having passed away about the same time. As there are many Sedalians well acquainted with two of the parties, the following brief sketch, mainly copied from the Globe-Democrat, will prove interesting:

MRS. HATTIE PORTER.

one of the trio, after a short illness, died on Thursday night at the residence of an adopted child, Mrs. John Williamson, 1524 South Second street. She was buried yesterday from the house, and one of her intimate triends did not attend, Judie Pousette, that friend, whose age as nearly as can be ascertained, was the same, had died on Friday night. Mrs. Porter was a negress, and had no record of her age, but its estimate was a matter of calcu lation. From known dates of events with which she had connection it was calculated by those who knew her that she was not less than 102 years. She was born in Virginia, and was brought here by her master in her days of young womanhood. That was about seventy years ogo. Her master became involved in debt and her tastes and her manner of living, she was sold and ran execution to and on arriving at our shores pro- 5:30 to fetch the body home." Pierre Chouteau, sr. She lived in ceeded with her suite (of one) -her his household a number of years, when maid—to one of the best and she was sold to T. S. Smith, and exclusive hotels of New York. With afterward to a Maj. Abercrombie, a fancy for something of a feast after who took her south. Her husband is her operatic performance, she desaid to have been a body servant of termined to test the New York oys-Zach Taylor. He purchased her free- ters, of which she had heard so much dom, and they lived together until in praise. When the performance Mr. Taylor was elected president, was over the songstress returned at when he took her husband to Washing- once to her apartment at her hotel, after that, as he was taken ill, and tomary manner. The water soon apdied when he had intended to come to St. Louis, where she was again Just he e it may be said that the residing. She never had a child of her own, and so adopted Mrs. Williamson, now a woman of 40 or thereabouts. She was remarkably bright will you have?" asked the waiter. in her last years, doing an amount of "How many?" said the lady, at the work that was almost incredible, and shaming younger hands. But she never had any education except that gry;" but only added-with a manuer which fitted her for housework, being indicating that she had lived on oysunable to either read or write. She | ters all her life-"you may bring a had all of those qualities, however, bundred!" She noticed on replying upon which the

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in front of the old Court House she only mentally questioned, and dwelt; health, good looks, willing took up a foreign paper while the tree, without caring to consider where hands and sufficient knowledge to man was leaving the room. Some future supplies were to come from, or make those hands useful. She told a time passed, the lady wondering at neighbor once that so effective was the delay, when a knock came at the applied. As a consequence, the tree this eloquence that "Misha Chouteau" door, and in walked five men bearing is growing scarce in the Chilian forpaid \$1.500 for her. Within the trays half filled with plates containing ests, and wool and silk manufacturers time that has elapsed since her arrival oysters on the half shell, lemons, crack- in England and France are likely to St. Louis has become a city, and her ers, water, napkins, etc. A single have to look about for a substitute for recollections, disjointed though they glance at the first tray explained to were, would have been valuable to a the lady the surprise she had noticed historian, as furnishing, as no record on the face of the servant who had the raw materials of their manufacof facts could, the color of the social answered her bell; but not a question life of the early days in t. Louis.

frequently called the "Directory of the lady was left alone with her feast. 1818,' on account of his accurate | She realized that she had unwitingrecollection of that portion of the his- ly played a joke upon herself, which tory of St. Louis. He had long she determined no one in the hotel known Mrs. Porter, and is authority should know. Her feast ended, and it over night in water, will remove in for the statement that her age is 102. she wondered how in the world she a minute or two grease from greasy The statement of Mrs. Williamson could dispose of the dozen great oys- articles of clothing, and leave the cloth that she was 120, he says is inaccurate ters left there untouched. In a mo- clean and fresh as if it were new. It as he knew her when she came to St. ment more she opened the window, may also be used for cleansing hair Louis, and was sure she was not at and, one by one, took the oysters at brushes and other similar purp ses,

MRS POUSETTE.

for many years was an intimate friend waiters again entered, found the lady dressers, though the mode of preparaand neighbor of the deceased Mrs. atone at the table, reading as before, tion is kept secret. Such a tree ought Hettie Porter died on Friday evening and not a vestige of an oyster in sight. to be invaluable in Australia, New at her home, 1732 South Second The look of surprise which met the Zealand, Cape Colony and other colostreet, or as locally known, Columbus lady as she glanced at the faces of the nies where wool growing is a staple street. Mrs. Pousette was born servants was ample compensation in industry; and it has, we believe, been about the year 1781 or 1782. She was every respect for the mistake she had strongly recommended by Baron the slave of Joseph Brazeau, whose made. She has often told the story homestead was situated near what is since, and assured her friends that she plants whose introduction into Austranow the corner of Morgan and Main can never forget nor cease to enjoy lia would be advantageous. It is a streets. She lived under three differ- her first feast of New York oysters. - hardy evergreen tree, with a white ent governments. Sie remembered Boston Saturday Evening Gazette. the Spacish rule, followed by that of France, and was a girl of 13 or 14 Another Journalistic Outrage. years when the French governor was "Are you the dramatic editor?" succeeded by Capt. Stoddard, who asked a smooth-faced young man, atwas appointed by the American gov- tired in a plug hat, a bright green ernment on the cessation of the terri- bobtail frieze coat and tight check tory by the French. She had distinct pants, and further adorned by a red recollections, and was fond of reiterat- scarf, yellow-upper shoes and a fouring them to her grandchildren, of the pound watch chain, as he walked into ceremony of lowering the French the office of the Post, with a three- white man lying dead in the woods flag, and hoisting that of the American ply frown corrugating his brow. "Are with a bullet hole in his forehead is nation, which took place on the 4th you the man that prints them guys one of the best illustrations of the of March, 1804. The farm of the onto the perfession?" Brazeau is said to be in the neighbor- "We occasionally publish interest- must cultivate. The Indian came into hood of the place at which the deceased ing incidents relating to prominent the white settlement and told the set-· lived for many years. and at which artists," replied the d. e, blandly. she died. While still a girl, Brazeau "Wasn't this the paper that print- dead in woods. Had hole in his head. Send for sample copy. sold Judie to Antonie Chennie, a ed that story about Giannini, the Short white man shot him with long baker, who lived on Main street. It opera singer, being captured, by gun. Ramrod of gun three inches bewould seem, however, that before brigands in Spain? Brazeau disposed of the creole girl, "I think I remember the circum- en coat. Had little dog with short another of the slaves, John Baptist stance," replied the critic. Pousette, had became enamored of her. Pousette

PURCHASED HIS FREEDOM.

and worked to secure the freedom of Judie. He bought her of Chennie, the Main street baker, soon after he had liberated himself. They were married and lived together until about thirty years ago, when Pousette died. country. That was the story, eh?" against the tree. It was a long one. Seven children were born to them Only one was a boy. Of the six daughters three married. They had in all twenty-five children. Their children married, and just before the time of her death Mrs. Judic Pousette could gather round her four generations, including five of her own children, the eldest 79 years of age, twenty-five grandchildren, thirteen greatgrandchildren and nine great-greatgrandchildren.

Her funeral will take place to-day from St. Vincent's church.

The third death was that of MRS. BRIDGET TOOT.

was buried in Potter's field. She had been admitted to the poor house on Febuary 13, 1883, on the recommend- haven't you?" ation of a woman living on Eighth street, between Cass avenue and O'Fallon street, who has since moved away. Nobody in that vicinity knew anything of the dead woman. She had attained the age of 102 years.

A PRIMA DONNA'S OYSTERS.

She Ordered a Hundred and Disposed of Them All.

A famous European prima donna who visited this country not many years ago was exceedingly quiet in Mrs. Porter never saw him and summoned a servant in the cus pearer and some oysters were ordered. maid reared at once to her own room with a neadache, so the oysters were ordered for only one. "How many same time thinking. "I feel as if I could eat a thousand, I am so hun that a surprised expression covered the face of the servant, about which lessness as blind as their ignorance, sents the N. Y., P. & O., at St. was asked nor a word spoken. The tree which obtains colossal dimensions Mr. Richard Dowling, one of the plates, glasses, etc., were arranged on oldest residents of St. Louis, has been the various tables in the room, and forest-is rich in a substance known as

that time more than 35 years of age. the end of her fork and threw them under conditions in which soap and out as far as she could in all directions other alkalies are powerless. It is also till each shell was emptied. Another suitable for a hair wash, and it is said Mrs. Judie Pousette, a creole, who knock was heard, and answered. The to be largely used by French hair-

the chief of the robbers recognized the "Oh yes! me saw; now show you."

said the journalist, snapping his high up, and about three inches above

bilk!" exclaimed the professional, that it projected three inches. The angrily; "and I think you ought to man wore a gray woolen coat, because Cyrus Newkirk, President be ashamed to print such lies!"

got no more appreciation for talent haunches - his stump tail left a mark WM. GENTEY, than-managers have. They don't in the yielding soil. The murderer go a cent on art, them feliows don't," was short, because when he reloaded and the artist gloomily lit one of the his gun he set the butt a good way critic's eigarettes.

A few days ago Mrs. Bridget Toot it. My stage name is Hamphat- dians never did. The trail also showyou've heard of the Hamphat Broth- ed that the one coming to the tree was ers, the great song and dance team, older than the one going away from

> The dramatic editor admitted that New York Timeshe hadn't.

"Well, sir, my partner, 'the world renowned Teddy Hamphat,' was up doing the northern circuit last week, and the stage he was in was stopped by road agents near Ukiah. Ted had read that derned Giannini item, so he took the boss highwayman aside into the bushes and sung him a couple | sippi heads the list with its express of verses of 'Dat Yaller Gai Dressed in Green."

"And how did it work?" "Work, sir; why the gang shot him full of holes, and chucked him into a ditch. I'm a going up on the of 39 miles per hour while it traverses

"That's sad -very," said the critic and Indianapolis." with a beaming smile.

so the gentleman from the Bella and fast time. Union stractedly collared the balance of the cigarettes and drifted out. -San Francisco Post.

A Soap-Yielding Tree.

From the Irish Farmers' Gazette. For many years there has existed in England and France a large dein Chili, known as the Quillaja saponaria, or soap-yielding cullay. Many of those who supplied the bark have been in ignorance of the purpose for which it is employed, and, with a reckthey have been content to destroy the to know to what uses the material was a powerful alkaloid which they hav been accustomed to use in cleansing tures. The bark of the Quillaja-a even among the giants of a Chilian saponin, which is extremely valuable for dressing silk or wool. It is said that a decoction prepared by placing a small piece of this bark, and soaking Ferdinand von Muller among the flower, and may be reproduced by seed or by ripened cuttings placed in sand with a little heat. In its natural habsoil, from those of a sandy nature to

How Detectives Obtain Pointers.

peat and loam.

The story of an Indian who found a habit of observation which a detective tlers his story: "Found white man yond muzzle of gun. Wore grey wooltail. Had waited long while for dead Attorneys at Law, "And after they had cleaned out man to come along." "How do you the tenor and his troupe, Giannini know all this? Did you see it?" was

began to sing something, whereupon naturally demanded of the Indian. tenor from having heard him sing at The settlers visited the scene of the I IIIU Madrid, and was so much affected that murder, and the Indian showed them he embraced him, returned the plund- the spot where the murderer waited er and escorted him safe through the for his victim. He had set his gun "Yes, I think such were the facts," because the bark was slightly grazed the mark left by the muzzle there was "Well, it is all guff-a regular a slight mark by the ramrod, showing where he leaned against the tree little "What do you mean?" growled particles of gray threads had been the writer reaching for the big shears, | caught by the bark. There was the "Why, just this: Robbers ain't place where the little dog sat on his C. NEWKIRK, from his feet. The trail he left com-"Don'ts eh?" said the star scalper. ing and going showed he was white, points, gold, silver, uncurrent bank "No, ir, they don't; and I'll prove because he turned his toes out. Init-hence the murderer had waited .-

Fast Time.

In its edition of Sept, 20th, in an article entitled "Speed of American Railways," speaking of comparative time made by lines leading from St. Louis, the Railway Register says:

"We find that the Ohio & Missistrain, which leaves this city at 8 A. M. for Cincinnati. The distance is 341 miles and the average speed is 32.22 miles per hour. The Vandalia maintains with its 8 A. M. express a speed the 240 miles lying between St. Louis

The O. & M. not only "heads the "And it's all your fault," continued list," but maintains its supremacy for the knowing Hamphat, emphatically. a greater distance and period of time "So I'd advise you fellows to let up than any lines mentioned. The deceiving the public that way. It managers of the Ohio & Mississippi ain't the square shake, by a derned Railway have established this reputasight. We're going to give the wid- tion not only in St. Louis, but ow a benefit, and I think you'd ought throughout the western country it is ter give it a star notice as a stand off." a recognized and conceded fact that The critic promised to attend to it, the O. & M, leads the van in regular

So says the St. Louis Evangelist, and what is true of the O. & M. is also true of its connecting line at Cincinnati, the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio railway. These two lines make a first class route from St. Louis to New York City. No change of Goods of cars, no safer route, and for speed mand for the bark of a tree growing unequaled. An individual combining business and pleasure or in pursuit of either separately, having passed over this line once will be sure to take it again. J. P. Horton, gen-Louis, and W. B. Shattuc, general passenger agent the O. & M. at Cin-

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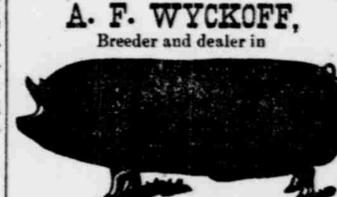
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